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**Government:** Assistant U.S. Attorney, Criminal and Civil Cases, Maryland District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1987-1992); Southern Division Chief, Greenbelt (MD) Office, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1997-1999)

**Legal Practice:** Litigation Attorney, Washington, DC Office, Hogan & Hartson LLP (1984-1987)

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Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1956  
 Education: Dickinson Law 1981 JD  
 Began Service: June 30, 2004  
 Term Expires: June 2012  
 Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Maryland Circuit Court, Washington County (1981-1982)

**Government:** Assistant State Attorney, Office of the State Attorney, County of Washington, Maryland (1983-1988)

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Magistrate Judge (Part-Time)

Date of Birth: 1953  
 Education: Brown U 1975 AB; Maryland 1978 JD  
 Began Service: March 22, 1988  
 Term Expires: March 2012  
 Political Affiliation: Democrat

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**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Maryland State Bar Association, Inc.; Wicomico County Bar Association

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**Duncan W. Keir**

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Education: Maryland 1975 JD  
 Began Service: 1993  
 Term Expires: November 11, 2021

**Academic:** Adjunct Faculty, School of Law, University of Maryland, Baltimore (1989)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Miles & Stockbridge P.C.; Deputy General Counsel, Maryland National Bank, American Security Bank (1991-1993)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1968-1972)

**Current Memberships:** American College of Bankruptcy; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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**James F. Schneider**

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
 Education: Baltimore 1969 BA, 1972 JD  
 Began Service: February 1, 1982  
 Term Expires: October 2, 2014



**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Albert L. Sklar, Baltimore City Circuit Court (1972-1973)

**Government:** Assistant State's Attorney, State of Maryland (1973-1978); General Equity Master, Supreme Bench, City of Baltimore, Maryland (1978-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice

**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge James F. Schneider** *continued*

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**Paul Mannes**

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1933  
 Education: Dartmouth 1955 AB;  
 Georgetown 1958 LLB, 1961 LLM  
 Began Service: December 30, 1981  
 Term Expires: September 30, 2014

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable A.L. Holtzoff, United States District Court for the District of Columbia (1957-1960)

**Government:** Assistant Corporate Counsel, District of Columbia (1959-1960)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Bernstein, Alper, Klavan & Mannes (1960-1968); Partner, Klavan & Mannes (1968-1975); Partner, Mannes, Meyers, Nadelson, Townsend and O'Brien (1975-1981)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American College of Bankruptcy; Montgomery County Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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Bankruptcy Judge

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**Thomas J. Catliota**

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1953  
 Education: Marquette 1977 BS; Catholic U 1983 JD; Georgetown 1985 LLM  
 Began Service: April 2006

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable L. Bragolis, United States Court of Federal Claims (1983-1984)

**Corporate:** Credit Analyst, First Bank Milwaukee (1976-1982); Commercial Loan Officer, District of Columbia, First American Bank (1979-1982)

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**Wendelin I. Lipp**

Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: 2006

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**Robert A. Gordon**

Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: June 2006

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